



## Holiday Season means the Women's Club Christmas Bazaar!

The monthly meeting of the Women's Club of Aruba is always enjoyable and productive for the members, but the December meeting is a particularly joyous occasion. Not only are they regaled with the accomplishments of the various committees, and how they have been of service to the community in the past year, but also they get to dress in their holiday best, and win great prizes in the holiday raffle.

The majority of the ladies were a vision in Christmas colors of either red, gold or green, with a sparkling corsage for each. Once President Bernadette Schouten banged down her gavel and declared the meeting officially closed, the true fun commenced! One could describe what followed as "marathon shopping" for the beautiful handicrafts that filled the tables of the ballroom at the Radisson Resort, which provided "one of the finest luncheon meetings we have ever had" according to Mistress of Ceremonies for the day, Joy Carson.

During the year, a number of workshops that the Women's Club of Aruba conducts make the beautiful ornaments and holiday accessories that the members purchase to help raise more funds for the many good causes they support. Holiday treats such as fruitcakes and homemade preserves were very popular items. Some of the creations also did double duty as raffle prizes, which, with the proceeds from the luncheon, helped raise another 6000 Aruban florins towards one of the many foundations that benefit from the work of the Women's Club of Aruba.

Joy Carson also had compliments for Millie Henriquez, who organized a very memorable Christmas Bazaar Luncheon this year. The Women's Club of Aruba is very active on several fronts, and a leader in the campaign for AIDS awareness, working with UNAIDS to organize the annual candlelit awareness parade. The members of the Women's Club donate a great deal of their time to community service, so they deserved this enjoyable luncheon and shopping spree, again, all for a good cause!